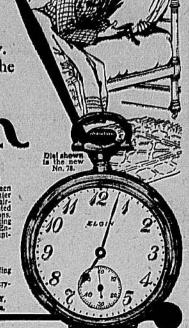
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Social and Personal.

THE usual reception and hop will be given this afternoon at the Hermitsee Golf Club, and the duby house is all in its holiday attire of holly and mistietoe for the eccasion.

There myster to receive the starsoon. Those invited to receive this afternoon are: Mrs. James T. Ruthertoord, Mrs. George D. Mayo, Misses Julia Joynes, Mary Crump, Alice Doyle, Avis Grant and Anna Purcell.

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Although the New Year reception is the teature of the year's entertaining at the Hermitage, the Christmas Day hop will be a very attractive affair and largely attended by society.

Spend Winter in Washington.

Mrs. Michie and Miss Michie, wife and daughter of Captain Michie, arrived at Washington Wednesday, and are at the Gordon, where they will spend the season. Miss Michie was a debutante of last winter, having her coming-out party with Miss Aleshire, daughter of General and Mrs. Aleshire, Miss Michie has recently been the guest of Miss Fannie Miller here.

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Mrs. Hawce's Tea.

Mrs. S. H. Hawes has sent out invitations for a tea to be given on Wed, needay afternoon, December 29, from 5 to 7 o'clock, at her home, Windy

s to 7 o'clock, at her home, Windy Knowle, Ginter Park. The cards of Misses Rose Dickinson and Elsie Hall are also inclosed in the invitations. Miss Brancis to Wed.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Francis have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Ethel May, to Dr. Hampden Aulick Burke, the ceremony to be performed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, January 6, at 12 M. Also to a reception on the evening of January 5 at the residence of the hylde-eject's parents, in Petersburg, Of Interest Here,

Interest Here,
Thomas R., Shenberd, son of the late
exander Shenherd, of Washington,
as married at El Paso, Tex., Wedy,
saday to Miss Charlotts Menoure
ackburn, daughter of John S Black-

grand or simple meal.

burn, of Alexandria. They will spend their Christman holidays and their honeymean making a journey of four days on horisback over the mountains of northern Maxico to the Husband Mines, at Batoplias, the richest silver property in Mexico, discovered and developed by the late Alexander Shep-herd.

'In and Out of Town.

T. A. Turner and Misses M. E. and M. H. Williams, of 1145 West Avenue, will leave this atternoon to spend Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Williams at Old Point.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Thistle have gone to Philadelphia, where they will be the guests of friends for the helidays.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank L. Brown, of Georgia, are the guests of Captain and Mrs. James Balley for the holi-

Miss Polly Robins, who is spending the winter in New York, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Saily Nelson Robins, 210 East Franklin Street.

Misses Sallie and Norma Deswell arrived on yesterday from Charlottes, ville to spend a week with freinds in this city.

John Johnson is spending the week-

Miss Bernice Stahl is the guest of clatives in this city for the holidays.

Mrs. Frank Parkinson and Miss Pearl Jeffries have returned to their home in Scattsville, after a few days' visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. Warwick C. White are spending some time with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. White, near

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Allen and daugh-ter. Miss Louise Allen, are visiting freinds in Norfolk. Miss Burnett Sublott, of Forest Park, Beltimore, is visiting her mother, Mrs. V. H. Sublett, on Highland Park, for the holidays,

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Threicians Hope for Utilinate Recovery of Miss Marshall.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., December 21.—Miss Marshall for the Marshall for Marshall for Marshall for Marshall for the Marshal

EXPLOSION ON LAUNCH.

Three Men Scalded by Blowing Out of a Boiler Tub.

Solier Tub.

NORFOLK, VA., December 24.—Three men were scalded, one, Conswain Thompson, quite badly, by the blowing out of a boiler tub on a Norfolk Navy Yard launch to-day. The faunch, in charge of Lieutenant-Commander A. M. Cook, with five sallors aboard, was on route from the navy yard to the nava! magazina in St. Julien's Creek, when the socident occurred. Commander Cook escaped unliqued. Thompson, who jumped into the river, was quickly rescued. The injured were sent to the Nava! Hospital.

The Season's Greetings

To The Fubiic

We desire to express our anage fluring this, our most successfaction will merit a continuance.

To one and all we wish

A Happy Xmas and Prosperous New Year

able to serve on account of the large crowds during the holiday rush we ask that we may be given

J. S. JAMES,

7th and Main St. Jeweler. . Optician.

with B. P. Eggieston as security. His counsel will appeal his case.

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SENTENCE IN THORNTON CASE.

Former Cashier Gets One Year in Penlitan-Uary and Fined 8700.

(Special to The Times, Dispatch.)

EUREKA MILLS. VA., December 24.—The jury's verdior in the case axainst F. C. Thornton, cashist of Charlotte Banking and Insurance Company, for allegaed falsification of his report to the Corporation Commission, was given one year in the ponitantiary and a dine of \$700.

Mr. Thernton's bond was fived at \$1,000.

ManWiththe Dagger Tongue

I know two women, and one is chaste. have tried to shine out of her ow

But she has malice toward her kind;

A cruel tengue and a jealous mind; Void of pity and full of greed, She judges the world by her narrow

A brewer of quarrels, a breeder of hate.
Yet she holds the key to "Society's" gate.

The other woman, with heart of flame, Went mad for a love that marred her name;

name;
And out of the grave of her murdered
faith
She rose like a soul that has passed
thro' death.
Her aims are noble; her pity so broad
it covers the world like the mercy of
God.
A socther of discords, a healer of wees;
Peace follows her footsteps wherever
she goes.

she goes.
The worthler life of the two, no doubt:
And yet "Society" locks her out.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox, in "Poems of
Sentiment."

William Watson, the English post, has given the world something unusual to talk about in his poem, "The Woman With the Estpent's Tongue." It is a strong poem, and one which represents the scandal-monger in all the colors of life,

Mr. Watson has done the race a service in writing this poem, but he made

Mr. Watson has done the race a service in writing this poem: but he made a serious mistake in allowing any inquisitive minds to learn from him the name of the woman who incited his muse to action.

In the interviews upon the subject Mr. Watson was led into details which indicated that the victims of this particular "serpent's tongue" were mainly men, living and dead.

Mr. Watson should now supplement his poem by another describing the

his poom by another describing the "Man With the Dagger Tongue."

A woman's slander of a man, however cruel it may be, can never do the damage or give the suffering which is caused every day in the year somewhere by the careless, malicious or revengeful calumnies uttered by men regarding women.

revengeriii calumnies uttered by men regarding women.
Women Not Greatest Gossips.
Women are not the greatest gossips of the world to-day. And the harm one woman may do to the reputation of another woman is infinitesimal beside the harm a man can do when he descends to the ignoble position of the gossib.

gossip.

The man gossip does not belong to any one class. He is more frequently found among the idle rich, perhaps, than elsewhere, and he is frequently a bachelor or children widower who has become sourced and distillusioned with life through having too many of his desires gratified, and having had too little exercise for his spiritual qualities in the great School of Necessity

sity.

They are men who att about clubs during the few day hours they are awake, and who vary their two occupations—dining and gambling—with the vivisetion of their acquaintances.

Bitter malice and evil-speaking drop from the lips of such men in every large fashionable club in the world. And the victims of their venem seek in vain to trace the lie to its source. Bitar's Attitude of Envy.

But the "man with the dagger tengue" is found elsewhere. He is found in art circles; he is found in the newspaper office; he is found among the musicians, and he is found in shop and factory.

The great rush of woman into the fields of endeaver, into the arts and trades and professions, has created an unfortunate feeling of jealousy in the hearts of the smaller and meaner type of men in the world to-day.

Jealousy, emasculated of all sex virility, becomes the more despitable thing—envy.

Once upon a time there was no such feeling possible in the min of man toward woman as envy.

He could no more envy her for any achievement of hers than the sun could envy the mean.

But were the moon to shine all day, and at times with a radiance as great as that of the sun perhaps the sun would develon envy.

And perhaps, like man, the sun would not realize that had he been fair and just in the distribution of his radiant beams the moon would never. sity.
They are men who sit about clubs

Plaintiff in \$200,000 Suit, How-

Defense; Wedded Actor,

Is Claim.

detracts (roz. woman's achievements, and who, in order to lessen her advancement, stoops to vilifying lies.

Let Mr. Watson give the world a poem on the men of that type. It is needed.

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Will Less Sight of Eye.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CAPE CHARLES, VA., Decomber 24.

—Kicked by a horse which he was currying at the farm of Thomas Holland. at Midway. Thomas W. Smith, a young man of Georgetown, will lose his eyesight. The kick broke and shattered the bones over the eyes, and although after a delicate operation the shattered bits of bone were removed, threats but little hope that he will be able to see again.

Tolley—McCarthy,
[Epoclal to The Times-Dispatch,]
LYNCHBURG, VA. December 21.—Joseph
F. Tolley and Miss Ans Maud McCarthy,
daughter of Mr. and Mrs W. E. McCarthy,
were married yesterday afternoon at the
residence of Rev. I. T. Jacobs, the officiating
minister. They left immediately afterwards
for a visit with relatives in Clifton Verge,
after which they will reside here.

Teachers Visit Lynchburg Schools. Research to The Times-Dispatch, J. Lynchburg Commer 3. Superintendent P. T. Atkinson, superintendent of the public schools of Prince Edward county, and twenty leachers from his schools and a visit to the public schools of this city lorday. The visit was for seeing methods used in the various octuols of the city.

New City Officers Qualify.
[Special to The Times-Dunatch.]
LYNCHBURG, VA. Deember H.-City
Treasurer H.-P. Adams, City Sergeant S. H.
Johnson, High Constable R. B. Goede and
Commonwealth's Attorney R. D. Yancey, all
of whom were re-elected last November for
terms of four years, have qualified in the
Corporation Court for the new term which
begins January 1.

NEW YORK. December 24.—The attorneys for Frank J. Gould, who was sued by Bessie De Voe, the Fredericksburg, Va., actress, for \$200,000 for breach of promise, have received information that a Bessie De Voe toured the West as a Mrs. Swor in a vaudeville team which did a soft shee dance. At that time she was known as the wife of Swor, and no amount of inquiry could find a record of divorce, they say.

Dispatches from Omaha, coupled with an interview with Miss De Vole, only serve to render the case more perplexing. The dispatches state that Mrs Swor, of the soft shoe act, was known in the West not only as Miss De Voe, but also as Miss Van Dorn, the name by which the young woman who is suing Mr. Gould is known off the stage.

"Oh, it is an awful mistakel" exclaimed the plaintiff in the action against Mr. Gould, as soon as she heard the story. "That Bessie De Voe is not me. I spell my name with an it." It is only another of those terrible rumors which are being circulated about me to hurt me. In time they all will be praven false.

Whether or not the Gould lawyers will make the soft-shoe dancing team matter any part of the defense of the millionaire as showing there could be no bresch of promise action if the actress had never been divorced was asked or one attorney yestetday, he said: "We have heard of a Bessie De Voe who appeared on the stage as the wife of an actor. I don't think it will be

an action whether the man intends to get a divorce, or even if a divorce is pending."

W. W. Coles, manager of the Trocadero Theatre, in Omaha, when the Swer team was playing there, said:

"I ramember the couple well. They got \$50 a week. That was back in 1838. While here Bessie Van Dorn, or Bessie De Voe, and har partner. Swer, had many quarrels that threatened to break up the show. She fusaed and fumed so much with her husband that we were forced finally to give them separate dressings rooms.

"Their Act a Joke."

"Their act was a joke for those behind the scenes. On the stage Mrs. Swor was supposed to fall on Swor's neck, and give him two or three kisses. Off the stage we could hardly get the two to lock at each other. From Omaha the Swors went to Chicago."

Because of a strenuous day Christmas shopping, the actress who wants \$200,000 heart balm from Mr. Gould reached her apartments too tired to talk much about details. But she tild say:

"I have heard of this team of Swor."

"I have heard of this team of Swor and De Voe, but let me say that I have had nothing to do with it. I have never met any Swor in my life."
Then it was suggested that Managor Cole, of the Trocadere, says that the Bessie De Voe who danced thera was also known as Bessie Van Dorn.
"That is all a fearful mistake." exclaimed the actress. "When will people get tired of saying horrid things about me? Why, that Trocadere is a burleaque house. I would never think of going into such a place. I would not even sit in the auditorium, to say nothing of going on the stago there."
"Never Married. Indeed Nat."
"Where were you playing at that time?" was asked.
"Now, please don't let's talk about this any more," she pleaded. "Perhaps I ought not to say as much as I have. But it is my nature to speak out when things are said about me. I want averybody to know that.
"I am absolutely justified in bringing this breach of promise suit against Mr. Gould. I sincerely believed he was to make me his wife."
"And you have never been married?"
"Indoed, not!" repilod the actresa, with an urgent emphasis on the "not." "I have heard of this team of Swor

STEEL MILLS RUSHED

Employes Will Not Get the Usual Ten Employes Will Not Get the Usual Teu Holldays.

PITTSBURG, PA., December 24.—The United States Steel Corporation will give its thousands of employes in the Pittsburg district a Christmas present in additional work. Not in years have the order books of the corporation mills been so crowded in midwinter as now and notices were posted at all the large mills in Homestead, Braddock and other points this afternoon that

Xmas. Greeting!

We desire to express our appreciation for the confidence reposed in us for the year closing and that our every effort will be to merit the favor of your future patronage. We wish you health, happiness and success for the new year. Very Sincerely,

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of the usual ten days to which the nen have been accustomed.

The Jones & Laughlin interests have also given the men notice that they will not get the usual holidays. Twenty thousand workmen in the coke re-gions have also been notified that they will get only thirty-six hours off, owing to the rush in orders.

DRUNKEN MAN EXCUSED

Curious Law Regarding Abusive and Indecent Language.

TOURED WEST WITH HIM
Plaintiff in \$200,000 Suit, However, Says It Must Be
Another Girl.

NEW YORK. December 24.—The attorneys for Frank J. Gould, who was sued by Bessie De Yoo, the Fred-ricksburg, Va. actress, for \$200,000 for breach of promise, have received

enly forty-eight hours would be all should be remedied either by reneal lowed for Christmas holidays, instead or amendment of the statute.

Lynchhurg Mosons Elect Officers.
LynchBurg, VA. December 24.—
The Hill City Lodge, A. F. and A. M.,
has elected the tollowing officers for
the ensuing term: Master, S. G. Hamaer: senior warden. J. P. Harvey:
junior warden. C. L. Demott; treasurer, T. N. Davis secretary. M. D. T.
Walker; senior deacon, F. M. Mang;
junior deacon, F. G. Morsan; chapisin,
Rev. P. B. Hill; tiler, A. S. Boatwright.

MERRY XMAS Queen Quality Shoe HOFHEIMER'S

We Greet You With the Compliments of the Season

May a Merry Christmas, filled with all the good things of the season, be yours, and may the New Year be crowded with prosperity and happiness.

Also, let us thank you for your exceedingly liberal trade during the year, and to assure you that the little store that saves you money, and which is located on the wrong side of Broad Street, thus enabling us to share our profits with you, will be glad to serve you in the

SUTHERLAND & CHERRY

Yuletide Greetings.



To friends and patrons we wish a Christmas of purest joy. And we tender thanks for your liberal buying of Furs.

Chas. Haase & Sons,

FURRIERS, 207 East Broad Street, -

Richmond, Va.

Here's a Merry Christmas to You

You will certainly have it if your house is heated with our coal

City Coal Company,

Lombardy and Broad

29th and Dock

...A Merry Christmas to You...

And a New Year rich in prosperity and happiness. Accept our thanks for your generous patronage and

C. LUMSDEN & SON,

Jewelers.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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A Merry Xmas

May this Christmas be an especially bright, happy and cheerful one to all users of Pure, Light, Flaky, Wholesome

Butter Nut Bread

The Bread that brings good cheer and lends charm to the

Nolde Bros.,

Exclusive bakers of Butter Nut Bread.

"The Bread that all grocers seli."

Are extended to our friends and patrons who have helped to make our record of the passing year one of unequaled growth and prosperity.

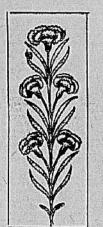
It has been our constant endeavor to produce only attractive and salable goods, and that our efforts in this direction have met with unprecedented success is proven by the constantly increasing demand for them.

We are confident that the new goods which we shall offer during the coming year will even exceed those of

By ELLA WHEELER WILCOX

waste;

tis always the weak man—the man who is undeveloped in some of these strong, manly characteristics which make manhood worthy of the name—who becomes the envious gossip, who



Christmas Greetings

Our Christmas business this year has been the greatest in our history—an evidence that the people of this community have been pleased with our Cakes, Creams, Can-

dies, etc.

We extend to our patrons, both in and out of Richmond, our best wishes for a Happy Christmas time and a Pros-

perous Year. We are prepared to serve you during the holidays.

Shepherd's,

Orders Taken at 406 E. Main St. or 405 E.

Broad St.

To You We Extend Christmas Greetings

May it be the merriest ever, rich in love, in friendship, in material blessings. Your liberal patronage is deeply appreciated. thank you.

Jewelers,

J. T. Allen & Co.,

1323 East Main Street, Richmond, Va.